



## **Banks' usage of TLTRO III funds**

*Main factors for using the June 2020 TLTRO III.4 operation  
and trends in the Italian lending market*

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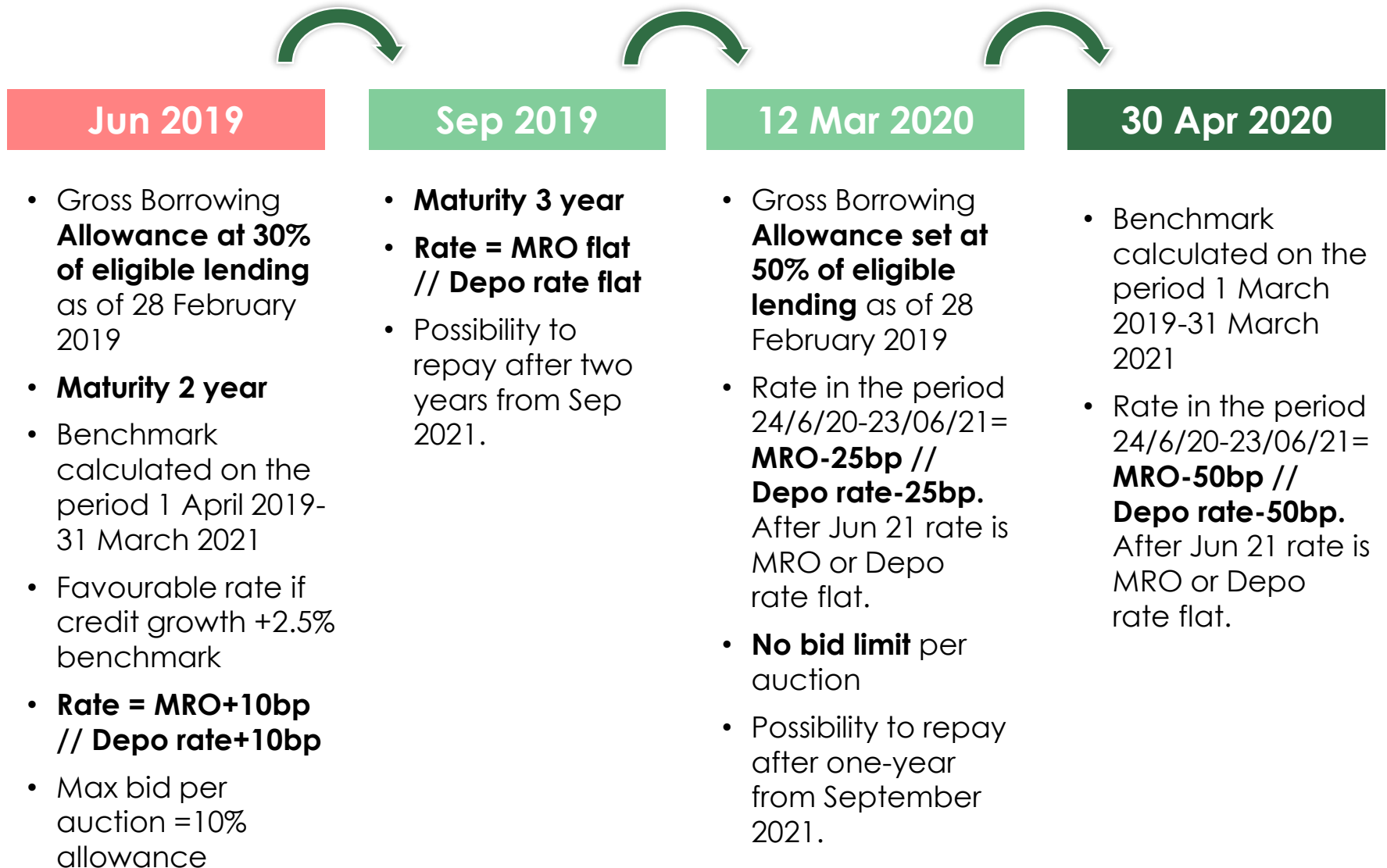
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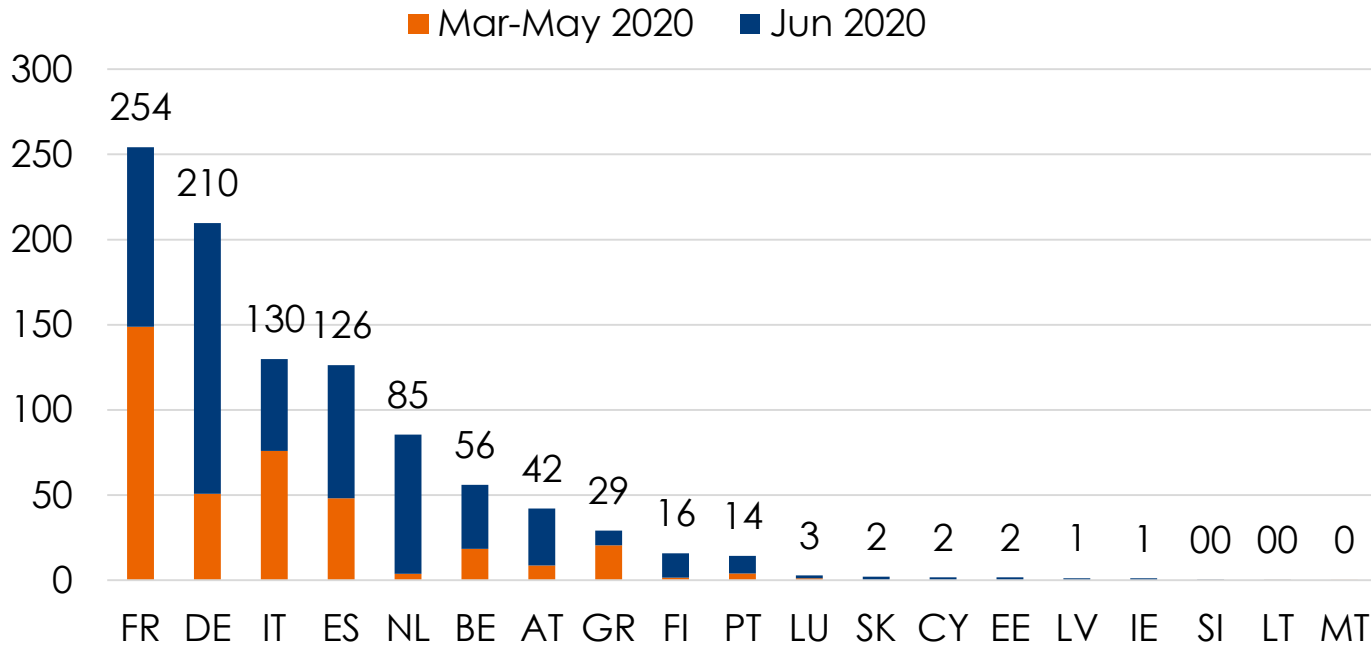
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# TLTRO III structure has been sweetened over time



# Longer-term refinancing operations at the ECB surged with the Covid outbreak

## Longer-term refinancing operations at the ECB (EUR Bn)

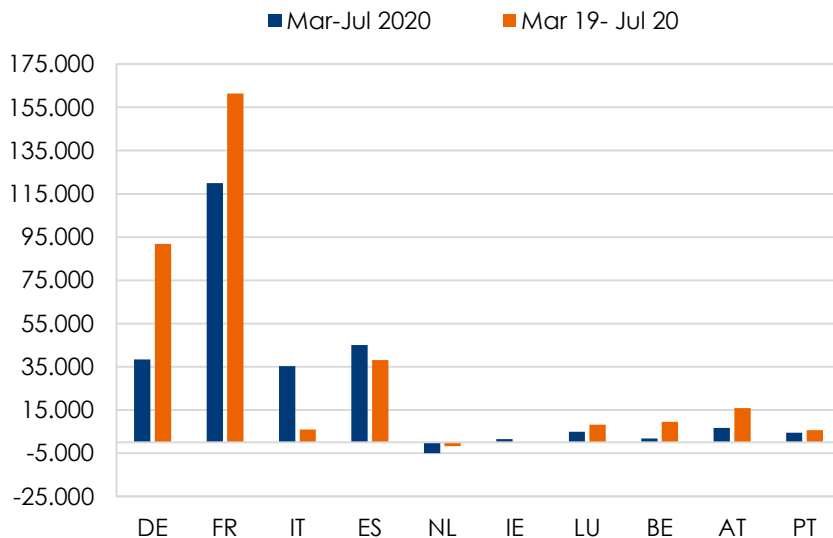


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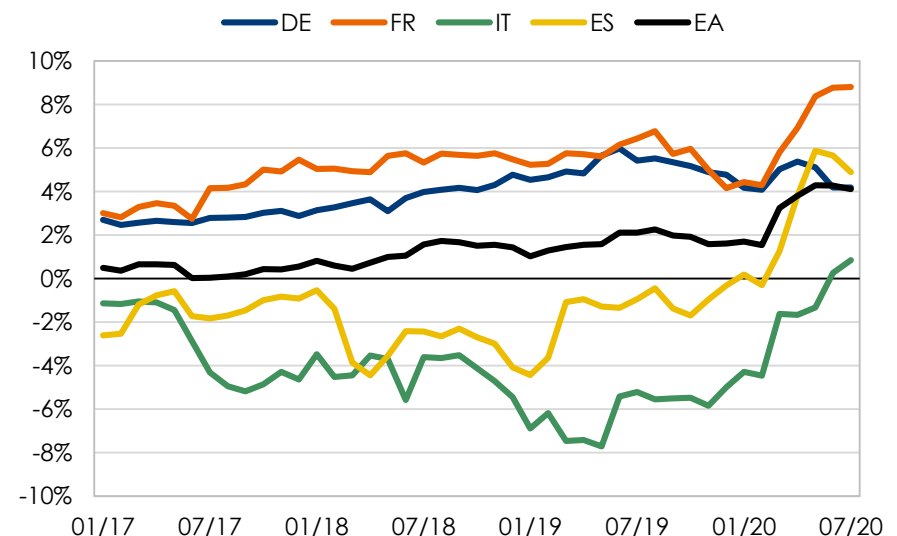
# Eligible lending started climbing in March 2020

- The revised structure of TLTRO III include a “special interest rate period” between 24 Jun '20 and 23 Jun '21 in which the interest rate shall be the average interest rate on the deposit rate minus 50 bp for counterparties that maintain their levels of **credit provision calculated on the “special reference period” from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021.**
- According with ECB data, **the eligible loans** (loans to non-fin corporations and households excluding home mortgages) **surged by 253 billion euros between March 2020 and July 2020.**

TLTRO 3 eligible lending (Eur Bn change)



TLTRO 3 eligible lending (% yoy)



# TLTRO III.5 rate remains competitive vs other funding sources

## TLTRO III.5 cost vs other sources of funding for the banking system of major EA countries (%)

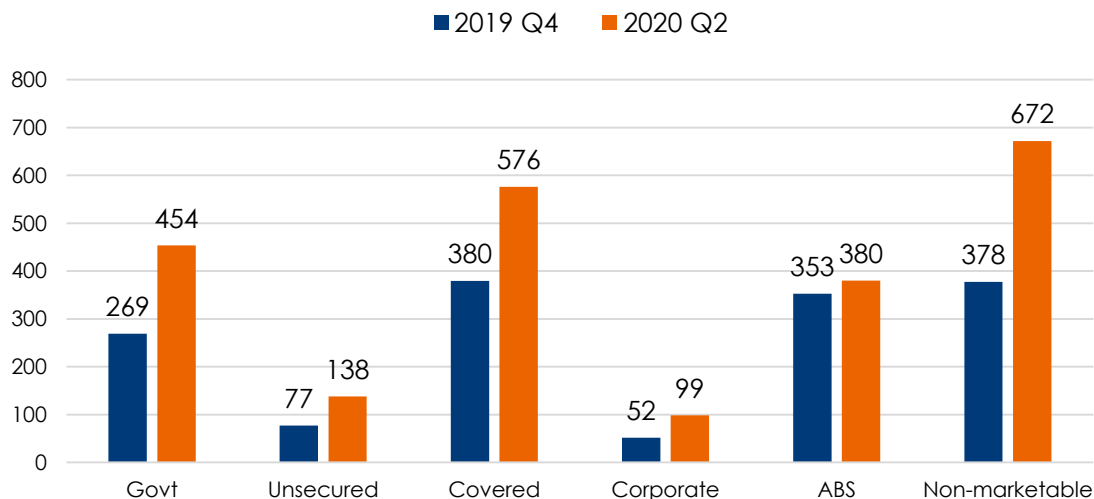
	Germany	France	Italy	Spain
Estimated max gross allowance TLTRO 3.5 (EUR Bn)	476	318	142	68
<b>Avg TLTRO 3.5 rate % (*)</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-0.37</b>
<b>Market funding sources</b>				
3Y Bonds	0.24	-0.07	0.43	0.41
5Y Covered Bonds	-0.46	-0.45	-0.24	-0.34
12M Repo GC	-0.57	-0.58	-0.41	-0.45
Deposit rate non fin corp	-0.32	0.04	0.12	-0.21
ECB PELTRO	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25
<b>Avg rate market funding</b>	<b>-0.27</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>-0.17</b>
Difference vs TLTRO 3.5 rate in bp	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>
Cost difference				
EUR bn	0.48	0.36	0.43	0.14
% of 2019 NII	1.5%	0.5%	1.4%	0.2%
<i>For reference:</i>				
Avg rate market funding in Jun 2020 (*)	-0.07	-0.10	0.29	0.13
Avg TLTRO 3.4 rate % (*)	-0.42	-0.42	-0.42	-0.42
Avg rate difference in bp	34	31	71	54

Note: (\*) the rate is a simple average of min and max rates. Min and max rate are an average over the 3 year maturity.  
Source: ECB, Bloomberg, Intesa Sanpaolo

# Recent ECB measures has been aimed to increase the disposable collateral

- The package of measures taken last April by the ECB in relation to the collateral framework aims to ensure that banks have sufficient collateral at their disposal:
  - ECB eased the conditions for the use of credit claims as collateral in particular through the potential expansion of the additional credit claims (ACCs) frameworks.
  - ECB adopted a general reduction of collateral valuation haircuts.
- The ACC framework provides the possibility to National Central Banks to enlarge the scope of eligible credit claims for counterparties in their jurisdictions. This includes the possibility to accept loans with lower credit quality, loans to other types of debtors, not accepted in the ECB's general framework, and foreign-currency loans.

## Pledged collateral at the ECB by asset class (Eur Bn)



- Eligible marketable assets amounts to 15.2 trillion euro in 2Q20.
- **At the end of 2Q20, 672 billion euros of non-marketable credit claims were posted as collateral for Eurosystem operations, an increase of 287 billions with respect to 1Q20.**

Source: ECB, Bloomberg, Intesa Sanpaolo

# ECB financing has a relevant impact on NSFR

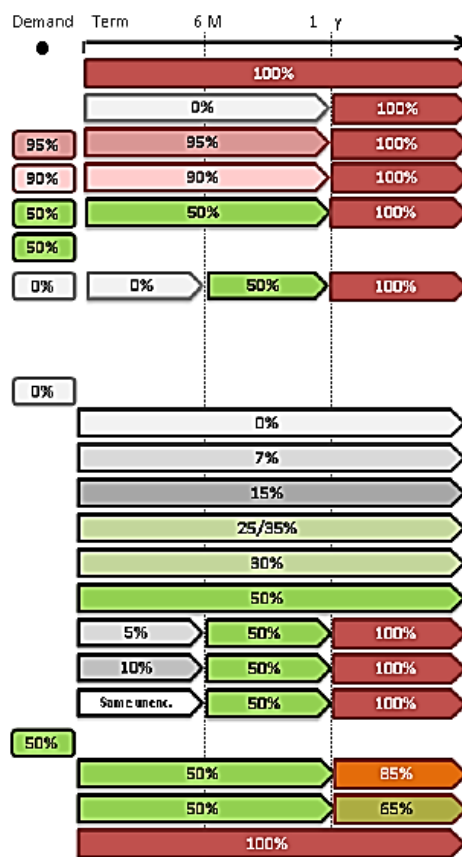
$$\text{NSFR} = \frac{\text{ASF (Available Stable Funding)}}{\text{RSF (Required Stable Funding)}} \geq 100\%$$

## Available Stable Funding (ASF)

Regulatory Capital (excl. Tier 2 Instruments)	
Tier 2 Instruments	
Deposits from stable Retail / SME	95%
Deposits from less Stable Retail / SME	90%
Deposits from Non Financial Customers / Government Entities / Multilateral and National Development Banks	50%
Operational Deposits	50%
Deposits from Financial Institutions and Central Banks	0%

## Required Stable Funding (RSF)

Cash, Central Bank Reserves	0%
Unencumbered L1 HQLA (excl. eHQ CB)	0%
Unencumbered L1 eHQ Covered Bonds	7%
Unencumbered L2A HQLA	15%
Unencumbered L2B Securitizations	25/35%
Unencumbered HQ Covered Bonds	90%
Unencumbered L2B HQLA	50%
Unencumbered loans to FI secured against L1 Assets, excl. eHQ CB	5%
Unencumbered loans to financial Institutions; trade finance	10%
Encumbered HQLA (by encumbrance period)	Same enc. 50%
Deposit held at other Financial Institutions for operational purposes	50%
Loans to Non Financial Customers / Government Entities	50%
Unencumbered Loans <=35% RWAs	50%
Non Performing Loans	100%



The **ASF** is calculated multiplying the asset and liabilities items by ASF coefficients.

**Extraordinary ECB financings are weighted 100% if longer than one year, 50% is between one year and six months, and zero for durations shorter than six months.**

The **RSF** is calculated by multiplying each asset item by RSF coefficients.

The collateral used in extraordinary operations with the central bank receives extraordinary treatment: **reduced coefficients may be applied to assets used as collateral for TLTRO operations (encumbered), no lower than the corresponding coefficients for the same types of assets not used (unencumbered).**

European rules as laid out by the BCBS have not yet been embraced, therefore the application of the factors is discretionary.



## TLTRO III: expected take up at the next 3 operations

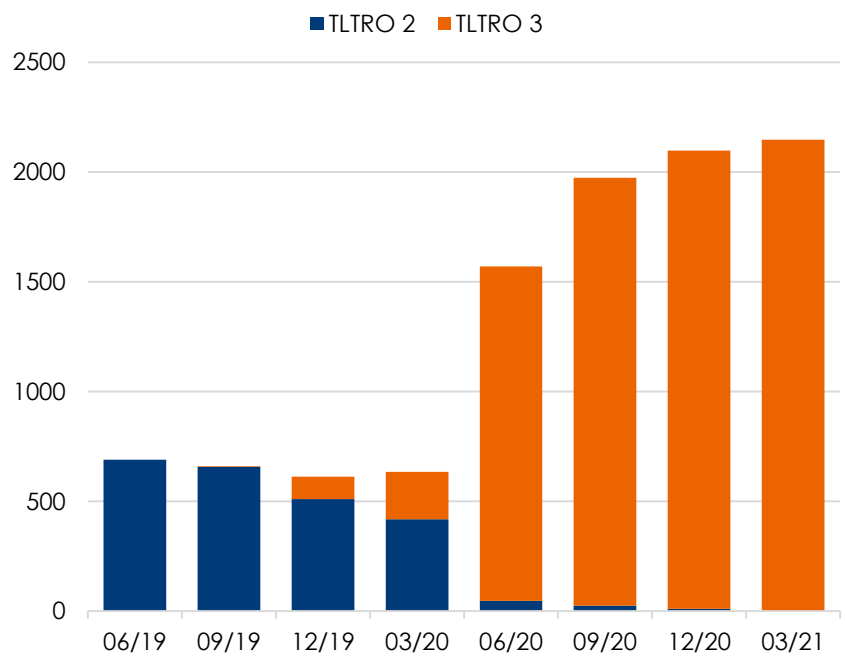
- Our main case scenario implies a gross take up at TLTRO operations close to 2.14 trillion euros.

	IT	ES	FR	DE	NE	BE	IE	PT	OTHERS	TOTAL Eurozone
Eligible loans 28/02/2019	935	638	1,329	1,511	399	168	78	235	490	5,784
<b>Max take up = 50% of elig. Loans</b>	468	319	665	755	200	84	39	118	245	2,892
ECB Longer-term refin.operations 3 Jul 20	349	256	350	283	112	74	4	31	127	1,586
of which:										
- TLTRO II funds outstanding (ISP estimate)	16	9	6	6	4	2	1	2	-	46
- TLTRO III funds outstanding (ISP estimate)	319	245	344	277	108	72	3	29	127	1,524
- PELTROs	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
<b>Expected long-term ref.operations outstanding (31/3/21)</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>2,147</b>
<i>Change from current amount</i>	<b>105</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>561</b>

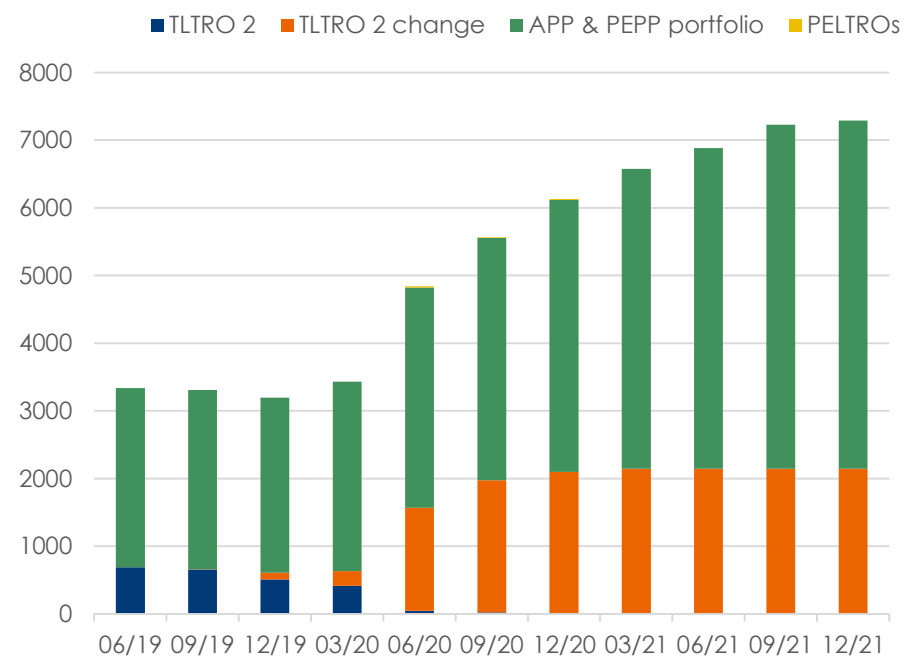
# Eurosystem assets are expected to increase to 7 trillion euros by the end of 2021

- Eurosystem's long-term refinancing operations are expected to grow to 2.1 trillion euros in 1Q21.
- The ECB securities portfolios is expected to reach 5.1 trillion euros (1.8trn PEPP and 3.3 trn APP).

**Main case scenario**  
Outstanding TLTROs (EUR Bn)



**Main case scenario**  
Eurosystem assets (EUR Bn)



Source: ECB, Bloomberg, Intesa Sanpaolo

# Excess liquidity will skyrocket above 4 trillion euros

- ECB refinancing operations are in normal times the main liquidity supply instrument for a central bank. With its QE programme the ECB forces liquidity into the system, as assets are acquired by the central bank against an increase in banks' reserves holdings at the CB. **Latest figure for August 18, 2020 shows excess liquidity at just 2.88 trillion euros.**
- If Eurozone banks net take up at TLTRO III and ECB bond purchases evolves in accordance with our expectations, **excess reserves will increase to an historical high of 4.5 trillion euros at the end of 2021.**

## Expected excess liquidity of the Eurosystem (EUR Bn)

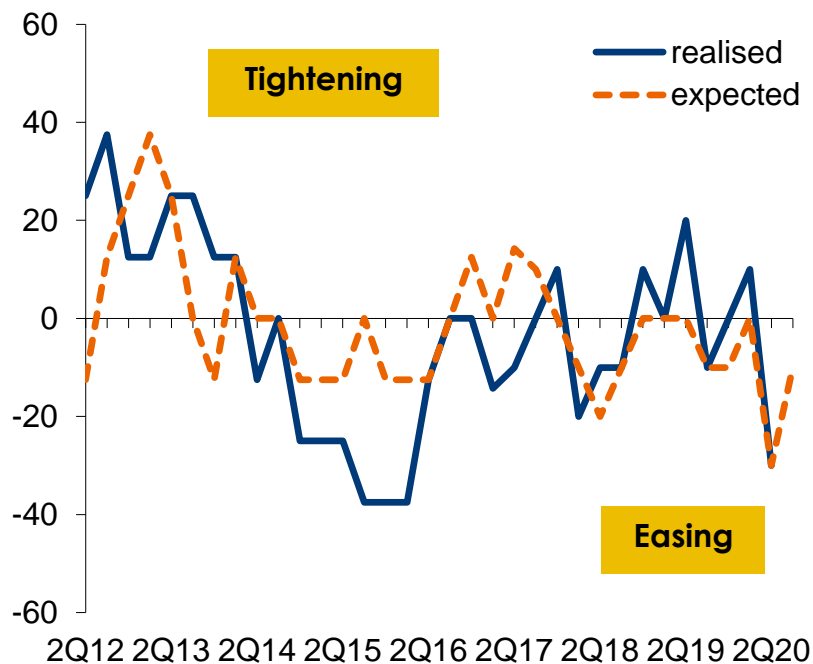


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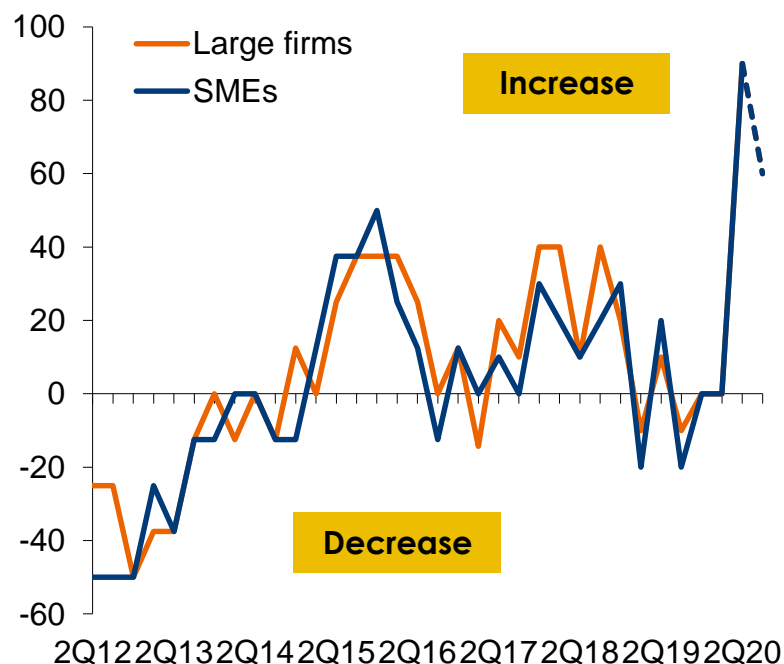
# Italian Banks eased their credit standards for corporate loans in 2Q, while demand reached a record high

Italian banks reported an **easing in standards applied to business lending in the 2nd quarter 2020**. **Demand for loans increased**, both from large firms and SMEs, **reaching the highest level ever**. Expectations for the third quarter are of a strong demand for loans.

**Change in standards applied to business lending**  
(net %: tightening – easing)



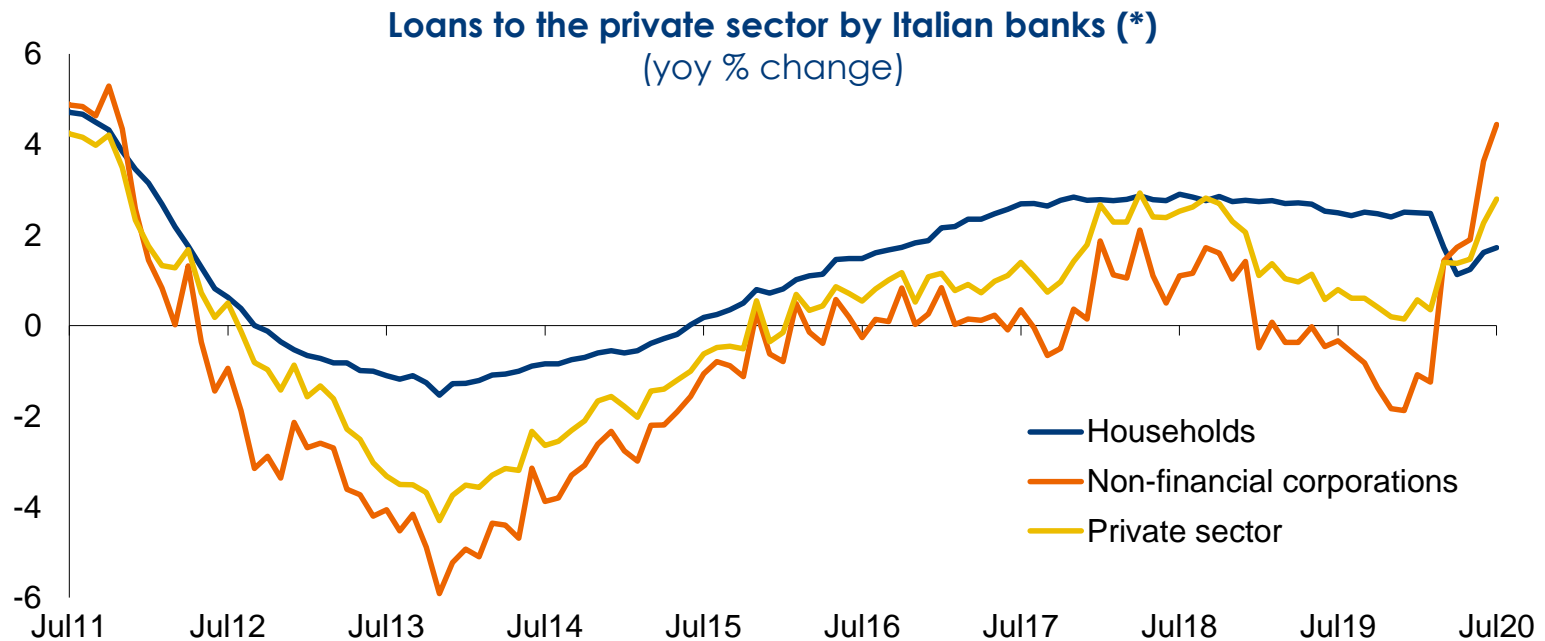
**Business demand for loans and credit lines by firm size (\*)** (net %: increase – decrease)



(\*) The dotted part refers to expectations for the following quarter  
Source: ECB, Euro Area Bank Lending Survey (BLS)

# Policy measures to support liquidity and credit are driving<sup>12</sup> a rebound in loans to businesses in Italy

- Background: until February, loans to households maintained a solid growth of 2.5% yoy while lending to businesses disappointed, down by -1.2%.
- Since the COVID-19 outbreak, **upturn in loans to non-financial companies**, to 4.4% yoy in July, from +1.4% in March and -1.9% at end-2019.
- **Slowdown in loans to households**, to +1.1% yoy in April, mainly due to consumer credit, then back up to 1.7% in June-July following a recover in loans to family businesses.

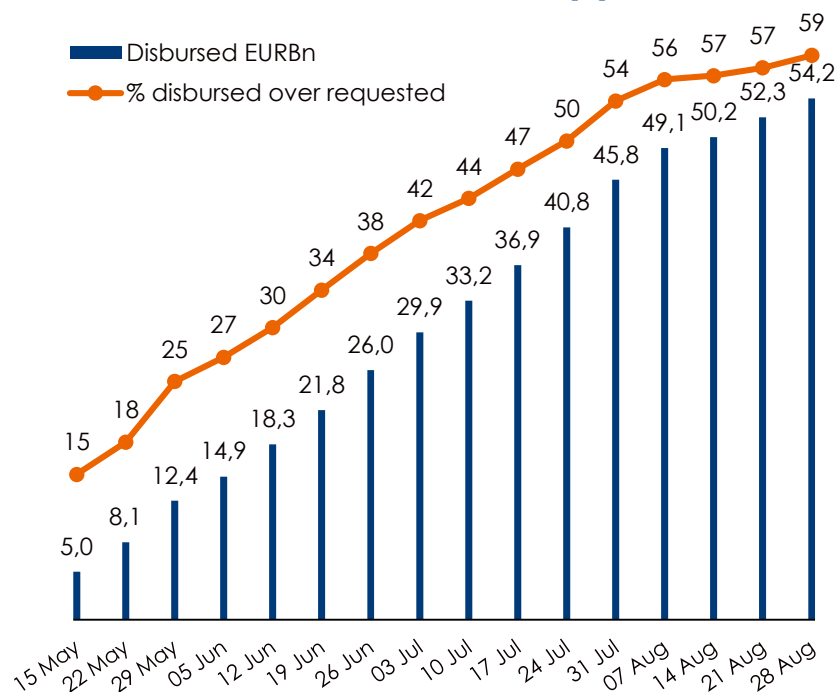


Note: (\*) data adjusted to take into account securitisation and net of central counterparties.  
Source: Bank of Italy

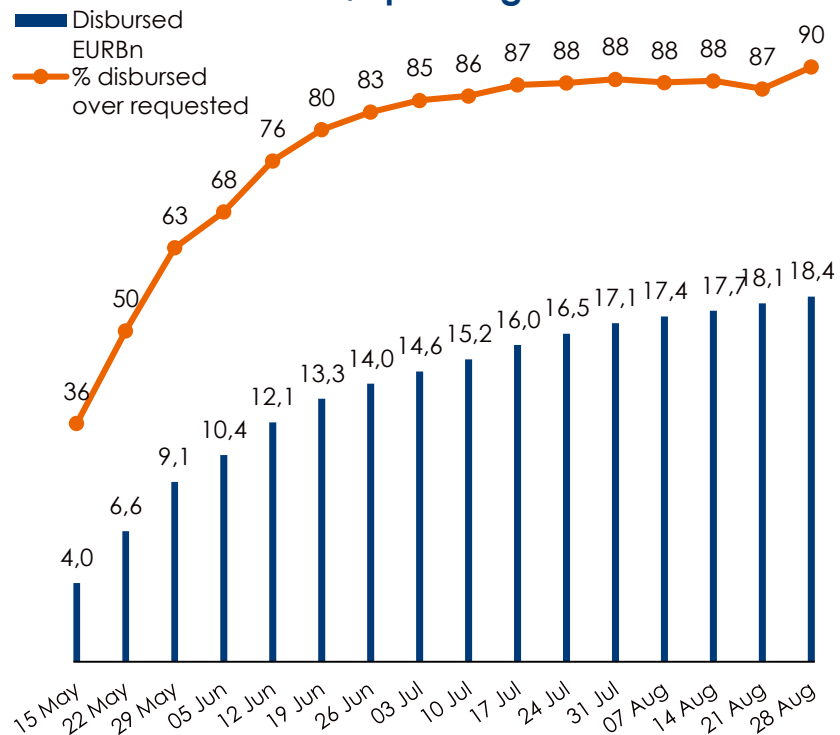
# Italian banks are providing key support to businesses through moratoriums and loans with a public guarantee

- Despite some initial difficulties, **public guaranteed loans are steadily increasing**. As of end-August, EUR **54Bn** of loans backed by the **SME Guarantee Fund** were **disbursed**, of which 18.4Bn of fully guaranteed loans of up to 30K (90% of requested).
- Also for **loans to larger companies backed by SACE guarantees**, amounts granted have become significant, to EUR 13Bn

**Granted loans backed by the SME Guarantee Fund pursuant to art. 13 of the "Liquidity" Decree Law 23/2020 (1)**



**Of which: granted loans of up to EUR 30 thousand with a 100% public guarantee**

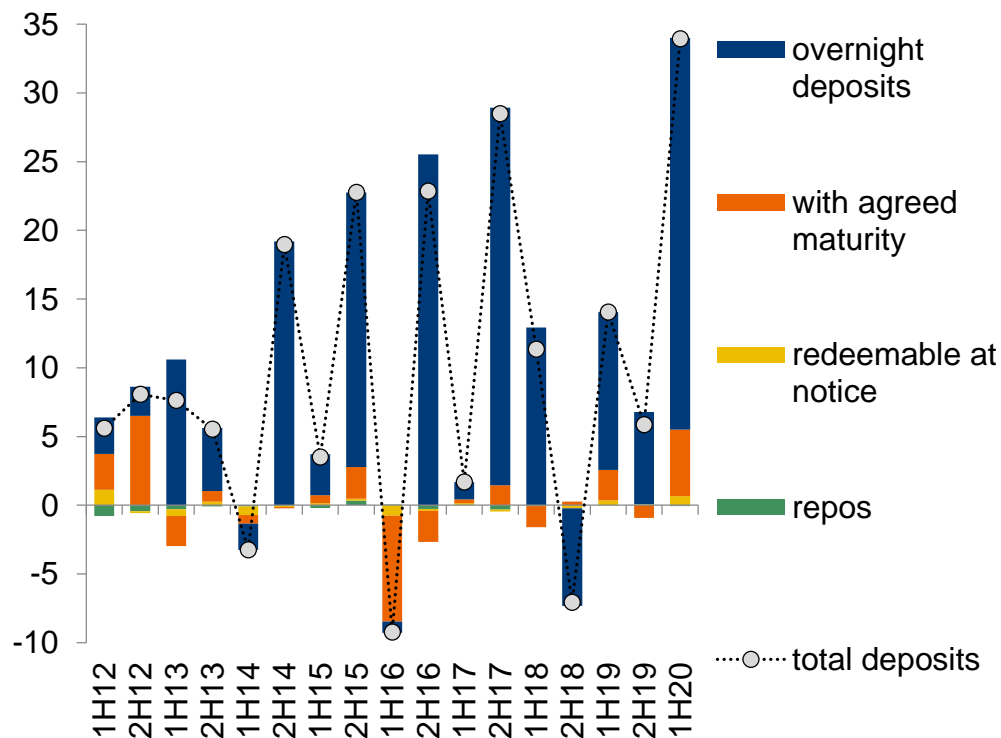


Note: (1) Bank of Italy estimates based on a sample of banks that disburse slightly less than 90% of loans to businesses.

Source: Bank of Italy and Intesa Sanpaolo Research Department calculations

# Considerable increase in deposits of the corporate sector

Net flows towards deposits from non-financial corporations in Italy, half-yearly figures (EURBn)

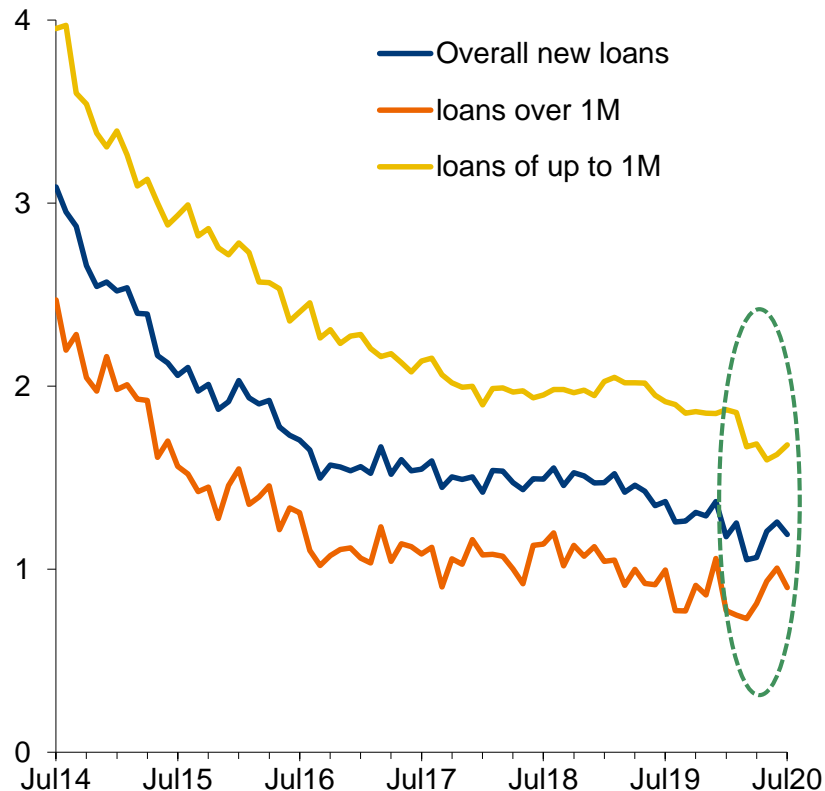


Source: ECB and Intesa Sanpaolo Research Department calculations

- From the beginning of 2020 until July, EUR 49Bn flowed into bank accounts of Italian non-financial firms, compared to just 5.6Bn in the same period of 2019. The increase was driven by inflows to overnight deposits, whose growth accelerated to +21% yoy in July.
- Business deposits are fuelled by the increase in loans,** consequent to access to the temporary measures activated to support liquidity and credit.
- This adds to the growth already achieved in previous years. Since 2012, deposits from non-financial corporations have shown a **total inflow of 186Bn** (until July 2020) **to an outstanding amount of 356Bn.**

# Lending rates remain at lows for loans to non-financial corporations 15

Rates on new loans of up to EUR 1M to Italian non-financial corporations (%)



Source: Bank of Italy

- The 1H2020 saw new record lows for the average rate on the flow of loans to Italian non-financial corporations, down below 1.1% in March-April, to recover slightly in the following two months to 1.26% in June and down again in July to 1.19%, from 1.37% in Dec-2019.
- The **sharp reduction** recorded in March was **mainly driven by the rate on loans of up to 1M**. The decrease continued in May to the all-time low of 1.60%, followed by 1.68% in July.
- Also the rate on loans of over 1M was at its all-time low in March, of 0.73%, to go back up in 2Q, to 1.01% in June, and down again in July to 0.90%.



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